TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 352 – HB 324

April 4, 2011

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005438): Deletes the original bill. Requires the Coordinator of Elections to compare the statewide voter registration database with the Department of Safety database to ensure non-United States citizens are not registered to vote in this state. Authorizes the Coordinator of Elections to compare the statewide voter registration database with relevant federal and state agencies and county records for the same purpose. If evidence exists that a registered voter is not a citizen, the Coordinator shall notify the county election commission who will send a notice to the voter inquiring about his or her eligibility to vote. If the voter does not provide evidence of citizenship, the voter shall be purged from the voter registration database. The voter may appeal to the State Election Commission, who shall conduct a hearing and render a decision. The voter database will be changed to reflect the decision of the State Election Commission with respect to the voter.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Neither the Coordinator of Elections' office, nor the county election commission offices, will require additional personnel or resources to comply with the requirements of the bill.
- Any cost to the State Election Commission to hear the case and render a decision can be accomplished with existing staff and resources within the normal course of business

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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